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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1891.

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THE Bank is now prepared to make advances
on goods in neutral Godowns, and on
other securities, at rates to be obtained on
application, also to receive Money on Current
Account or Fixed Deposit.
Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.
CURRENT ACCOUNTS
For Rates of Interest for other periods apply
to the Manager.
Hongkong, 20th November, 1891. [1429]

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has this Day established
himself as AUCTIONEER and GOODS
BROKER.
GEO. F. LAMBERT.
Hongkong, 7th December, 1891. [1428]

NOTICE.

TAI ON SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.
I, CHEUK TONG, have this day been
appointed GENERAL MANAGER of the
above Company.
U CHEUK TONG,
General Manager.
Hongkong, 25th November, 1891. [1449]

Amusements.

ST. ANDREW'S HALL,
CITY HALL, HONGKONG.

TUESDAY,

the 15th December.

A GRAND CONCERT

Will be given by the Celebrated

PIANO VIRTUOSO

HERR ALBERT

FRIEDENTHAL.

Doors open at 8.30; to commence at 9.30.

Reserved Seats, 50c; (Back seats in last row) 1.00.

The Box plan at Messrs. KATZ & WATSON,

Leaden.

Hongkong, 9th December, 1891. [1448]

Intimations.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO'S

CHOICE WINES—

A YALA & Co.'s EXTRA DRY CHAMPAGNE.
ADET SEWARD & Co.'s Choice After-Dinner CLARETS.
do. do. BURGUNDIES.
L. C. & Co.'s FINE OLD DESSERT PORTS.
SACCONE'S AMONTILLADO & MANZANILLA.

Dry Royal Saumur, Haut Saunterne.

RUDESHEIMER,
HOCKHEIMER,
LAUBENHEIMER.

CALIFORNIAN AFTER-DINNER CLARETS AND BURGUNDY.

COURVOISIER'S BRANDIES, HENNESSY'S BRANDIES, EXSHAW'S BRANDIES.

VERY OLD LIQUEUR BRANDY, 1848 Vintage.

THE CARLTON CLUB WHISKY (11 years old).

NAPIER JOHNSTONE'S OLD SCOTCH (square bottles).

L. C. & CO'S TEACHER'S

"HIGHLAND CREAM."

DUNVILLE'S & HENRY THOMSON & Co.'s IRISH.

"STONEWALL" CHO CE OLD BOURBON.

"RED HEART" RUM, "PLYMOUTH" GIN (Very Superior), French & Italian VERMOUTH.

GINGER WINE and GINGER BRANDY,

MILK PUNCH,

CHERRY CORDIAL.

APRICOT BRANDY, CHARTREUSE, CURACOA, MARASCHINO, "D.O.M."

ANGOSTURA, BOKERS, ORANGE, DANVITA, CHIRETTA & BOLIVAR BITTERS.

BASS'S PALE ALE, GUINNESS'S DOUBLE STOUT.

THE JAPAN BREWERY & Co.'s LAGER BEER.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

MOUTRIE, ROBINSON & CO.

(THE PIANO, ORGAN AND MUSIC WAREHOUSE),

PIANOS,

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PIANOS.

BY ALL THE LEADING MAKERS OF THE WORLD, INCLUDING:—

NEW PIANOS, by

BROADWOOD,

COLLARD & COLLARD,

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HOPKINSON,

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RUSSELLS,

(Transposing Pianos).

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NEW PIANOS:—

The "UNIQUE" MODEL,

The "BOUDOIR" MODEL.

GRANDS.—

BROADWOOD,

COLLARD & COLLARD,

FLYVEL.

YACHT PIANOS.

(Folding Key-boards).

HOPKINSON,

CHAPPEL.

2nd-HAND.

BROADWOOD (COTTAGES),

(PIANETTES),

(GRAND),

COLLARD & COLLARD (COTTAGE),

FLYVEL,

STRAUSS,

SCHROEDER,

and several others.

PRICES RANGE FROM \$150 TO \$800.

All the above instruments can be purchased by

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Being by far the largest importers of Musical Instruments in the East, MOUTRIE, ROBINSON & Co. are enabled to offer customers every possible advantage in SELECTION and QUALITY.

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PIANOS ON HIRE FROM \$8 PER MONTH.

Having just received (at our Hongkong and Shanghai houses) a shipment of over—
TWO TONS of Music, containing every possible style and variety, we will from this date to the 31st December, offer a discount of 20 per cent. on all Sheet Music and Editions—PETERS, LITOLFF, and AUGER.

VIOLINS, BANJOS, GUITARS, MANDOLINS, ZITHERS, DULCINERS, ACCORDEONS,
CONCERTINAS, FLUTES, PICCOLOS, TAMBOURINES, STRINGS, BOWS,
BRIDGES, MUTES, PITCH-PIES, TAIL-PIECES, PEGS—
In fact, every kind of Instrument and Fittings possible.

Call and inspect our stock or obtain our Illustrated Catalogue before buying elsewhere.

MOUTRIE, ROBINSON & Co.

UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL,

HONGKONG,

(And at London, Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama).

The ONLY FIRM in the Far East devoting themselves entirely to the Music Trade.

Hongkong, 26th November, 1891. [1440]

W. BREWER

HAS JUST RECEIVED,

CHRISTMAS NUMBERS OF

ILLUSTRATED PICTORIAL WORLD,

BLACK and WHITE,

YOUNG LADIES JOURNAL,

and OTHERS.

W. BREWER'S,

UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL,

HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 12th December, 1891. [1449]

Insurances.

£1,000 STG. Payable at Age 55, or
at death if previous may be secured by
a payment at the rate of:—

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AFTER the Policy has been three years in
force—the Policy-holder will be entitled to
receive on application a Free Paid-up Policy
for proportionate amount of the Sum Assured,
as explained in Prospectus, should he wish to
discontinue payment of premiums.
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.
Agents, Hongkong
STANDARD LIFE OFFICE.

SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND MARINE
INSURANCE COMPANY OF
NEW ZEALAND.

THE Underwriters are prepared to accept
FIRE and MARINE INSURANCES on
favourable terms.
Current rates and a guaranteed Bonus equal
to that paid by the local Offices.
GEORGE R. STEVENS & Co.,
Agents,
No. 2, Queen's Road, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 11th March, 1891. [1414]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY
LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED £1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on Goods
to. Policies granted to all parts of the world
at any of its Agencies.
WOO JIN YUEN,
Secretary,
No. 1, Queen's Road, West,
Hongkong, 1st February, 1892. [1415]

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED).

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000, £13,333 1/3.
RESERVE FUND £18,000.

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Lo Tso Shun, Esq.

MANAGER—HO ANEI.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken
at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the
world.
HONG KONG OFFICE: 2, QUEEN'S ROAD, WEST.
Hongkong, 17th December, 1891. [1418]

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & TAIWANTOO.
THE Company's Steamship

"THALES,"
Captain Hunter, will be despatched for the
above Ports TO-MORROW, the 13th December,
at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAIR & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 10th December, 1891. [1408]

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE,
via JAPAN.

Taking through cargo for all QUEENSLAND and
NEW ZEALAND PORTS.

And calling at NEW CALEDONIA.
THE Company's Steamship

"HIROSHIMA MARU,"
Captain J. H. Pym, will be despatched for the
above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 10th inst.,
at 6 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 10th December, 1891. [1409]

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN LLOYD'S STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO,
BOMBAY, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID,
BRINDISI, TRIESTE, VENICE AND
FLORENCE.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to CALCUTTA,
MADRAS, PERSIAN GULF, RED SEA, BLACK SEA,
LEVANT, and ADRIATIC PORTS.)
THE Company's Steamship

"MARIA TERESA,"
Captain R. Deparis, will be despatched for the
above Ports on TUESDAY, the 22nd inst., at Noon.

(Cargo will not be received on board after 3
p.m. prior to date of sailing.)
For further information as to Passage and
Freight, apply to
DAVID ASSOON, SONS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 9th December, 1891. [1406]

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SINGAPORE, HAVRE, LONDON,
HAMBURG AND ANTWERP.

THE Steamship
"GLANMORGANSHIRE,"
Captain Dwyer, will be despatched for the
above Ports on THURSDAY, the 24th December,
instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 10th December, 1891. [1407]

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

"UNION" LINE OF STEAMERS.
FOR NEW YORK (via SUEZ CANAL).

THE Steamship
"COLLINGHAM,"
Captain Watson, will be despatched as above
on or about the 13th December, instead of as
previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 7th December, 1891. [1428]

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

FOR HONOLULU.
THE Company's Steamship

"YAMASHIRO MARU,"
will leave YOKOHAMA for HONOLULU
(DIRECT) on or about the 27th inst.

Cargo and Passengers will be sent forward by
the Company's Steamship "HIROSHIMA
MARU" leaving here on the 16th inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 10th December, 1891. [1403]

SAILING VESSELS.

FOR NEW YORK.
THE 3/3 L. I. American Bark

"MARTHA DAVIS,"
Pendleton, Master, now due, will load here for the
above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
SHEWAN & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 2nd December, 1891. [1405]

FOR NEW YORK.
THE 3/3 L. I. American Ship

"SACHEM,"
Bartlett, Master, will load here for the above
Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
SHEWAN & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 2nd December, 1891. [1404]

Mails.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY'S
ROYAL MAIL STEAMERS.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM
HONGKONG, 1892.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

Empress of Japan, Tuesday, 1st Jan. 5th.
Empress of China, Tuesday, 1st Feb. 5th.
Empress of India, Tuesday, 1st Mar. 5th.

THE R. M. S. "EMPEROR OF JAPAN,"
5,000 tons, Captain Geo. A. Lee, R.N.R.,
sailing at 10 a.m. on TUESDAY, the 5th Jan.,
via Hong Kong, Shanghai, and Japan.

COBE AND YOKOHAMA.

RATES OF PASSAGE.
(In Mexican Dollars.)
From Hongkong, First Class.

TO

One Way
Return

Prepaid
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months.

Vancouver, Victoria, Esqui-
malt, New Westminster,
B.C., Seattle, Tacoma, Wash-
ington, Portland, Ore., San Francisco,
San Diego, Calif., Alameda,
Whitney, Minn., Duluth, Minn.,
Chicago, Ill., Kansas City,
St. Louis, Mo., Milwaukee, Wis.,
Detroit, Mich., Cincinnati,
Cleveland, Columbus, O.,
Hamilton, London, Toronto,
Ont., Buffalo, Niagara Falls, N.Y.,
Kingston, Ottawa, Montreal,
Quebec, P.Q., New York, Albany,
Rochester, N.Y., Philadelphia,
Baltimore, Md., Washington,
Mass., Portland, Me., Halifax, N.S.,
St. John, N.B., Liverpool and London
via Liverpool and London.

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Mails.

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY
THROUGH TO NEW YORK, via OVER-
LAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING AT
YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
City of Rio de Janeiro, Saturday 19th Dec.
(via Honolulu)
China, Tuesday 19th Jan.
City of Peking, Thursday 4th Feb.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship

"CITY OF RIO DE JANEIRO" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via
YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU on SATUR-
DAY, the 19th Dec., at 1 P.M., taking Passengers
and Freight for Japan, the United States, and
Europe.

RATES OF PASSAGE.
From Hongkong, First-class.

To San Francisco, Vancouver,
Victoria, Esquimalt, New
Westminster, Port Townsend,
Seattle, Tacoma, Portland, O.,
To Liverpool and London, 325.00
To Paris and Bremen, 3

THE German steamer *Velos* was docked to-day for general "touch up," preparatory to reclassing at Vettias.

At the last regular meeting of the Arrangements Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, held on the 20th inst., Wor. Bro. Preston Baroque was presented with a Past Commander's Jewel, in recognition of his services as first Master for the Lodge, which position he has held for the last two years.

Theatrical Manager:—H, there! What are you doing with that pistol?

Discouraged Lover:—Going to kill myself.

Theatrical Manager:—Hold on a minute. If you're bound to do it, won't you be good enough to have a note saying you did it for love?

Miss Stansbury:—What lady? It's a dunderhead, and every little helps.

THE *Courier* says:—We learn that a new journal is about to appear in our midst at Malphong. The *Tonkin* is to be published daily, except on Mondays, (the existing French Colonial papers issue only twice a week) and the editor and publisher will be M. Quynon.

We are happy to offer him a brotherly welcome and to wish him long life and much joy of his blessed six issue a week.

A CHINESE employé in the Singapore Post Office was charged the other day with attempting to cheat by dishonestly debiting to certain newspaper accounts the postage of a number of letters. The case was adjudged. We shall watch this case carefully, as the Hongkong Post Office, which for months past has been losing money, and which will inevitably, before long, become the subject of a thorough and independent investigation.

A CERTAIN hostility in Cloudland was recently favoured with a month's visit by a certain Hongkong magnate and his small family (no names, no shot-drill). While he was away "working," his little daughter went round with the aim to see a small donkey kept for the use of the children. The animal, weary of its imprisonment, lifted up its voice and wept. "Poor thing, poor thing!" exclaimed the pathetic child. But, suddenly brightening up, she turned to her nurse, and said, "Oh, I am so glad! Papa will be here on Saturday, and then it won't feel so lonesome."

THE *Daily Press* hears "that there is no truth whatever in the report that the Charbonnages (the) Company's mines have been flooded." It is asserted that one who is the champion of that said they had been flooded. The Hongkong mines, in which active operations are being carried on, are situated on the tops of fairly high hills, where there is no water, nor any symptoms of it. When the miners commence to tunnel under the bay of Halong, the chance of flooding will always be imminent / but at present such a contingency is utterly impossible. Our contemporary is right in saying that, as far, only galleries working has been carried on; and in our opinion that has been the fatal mistake of the management. But it can easily be remedied.

A DESPATCH to the London *Standard* from Ottawa, Canada, says that a member of the Cabinet states that the Dominion Government has decided to increase the subsidy for an Atlantic mail service from \$500,000 to \$750,000, hoping thereby to secure a fast steamship service. The proposal will be submitted to Parliament for approval. The Government will be satisfied with nothing short of a line that will carry it to the Atlantic coast, and will not even if a million dollars should be needed for the scheme. It is believed that Great Britain will assist in carrying the burden owing to the advantage that such vessels would give to England in speedy transportation across America. The scheme of the Dominion Government is its entirety includes also a fast line from Vancouver to Australia. The *Hongkong Telegraph* has good grounds for saying that the latter enterprise is practically an accomplished fact.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY.

I.—The following drills are ordered for the ensuing week:—Monday 14th inst. and Wednesday 16th, 5.30 p.m., Marching and Carbine drill; Head Quarters. Tuesday 15th inst. and Thursday 17th Signalling Class.

II.—Members desirous of firing at the Police Range on Saturday, 19th instant, will number up their names at 2.30 p.m. sharp. Ammunition will be on the ground on the day, but the match will be specially requested to attend.

No uniform.

III.—A General Muster Parade at Head Quarters is ordered for Monday, 21st instant, at 9 p.m. for inspection of Clothing, Drills, etc.

Uniform.—Blue Serge, Forage Cap and Side Arms.

At this parade it will be decided if it is possible for the Company to go to Deep Water Bay on 21st January, 1902, for 7 p.m. practice.

It is requested that who can attend the Muster Parade will do so, to enable an Estimate to be formed of the Members available for 1st January.


HERE is the finding of the Marine Court held at Singapore on November 30th, to inquire into the loss of the British barque *Ellenbank*.—That the vessel was stranded owing to the vessel having been allowed while in ballast; and in such trim that she was unable to tack, to be embayed in Semangkay Keyser Bay, from which she failed to extricate herself. While on the port tack with the wind from the south-eastward she endeavoured to weather Cape Rad, but having stood on too long, in attempting to wear, the vessel would not come to the wind, owing to the strong current setting into the Bay, and she was driven to the Cape Rad, where she was finally had to be abandoned. As it was uncertain whether the master, who has remained on the wreck, will arrive at Singapore, and as the witnesses could no longer be detained, the enquiry was held in the absence of the master. Nothing has been produced in evidence which would show any act of negligence on the part of the master calling for any suspension of his certificate.

The yacht *Arctis* which left here for Pakeh on the 25th ult., had a lively time on the way down. During the night of the 3rd inst.—about three hours when Hongkong harbour resembled the devil's own masquerade—the *Arctis*, when a few miles south of St. John's Island, was suddenly and without any premonitory symptoms enveloped in a kind of circular typhoon, the violence of which defies description. The ship was the first thing to succumb, the masts and sails ceasing the mainmast was driven down the far beyond, and when the topmast severed its connection with the erstwhile winner of the Douglas Cup—poor old Dickie!—the Chinese Admiral in charge thought it was 'about time' he accented for green fields and pastures new. And he was right. When the topmast and jib of a small yacht are 'yanked' out of their bearings with the force of a Japanese earthquake, the ship, the only boat on board, washed away and

CHARACTER SKETCHES.

(Fourth Article).

FRAGRANT WHISKY'S MURMUR.



"BROWNIE."

THAT once upon a time there was a journalist who died in Hongkong.

THAT he went along to Heaven and sent his card to St. Peter.

THAT St. Peter returned to the gate in a few minutes and said: "Is this a fact, that you come from Hongkong?"

THAT the journalist said "Yes."

THAT St. Peter said "Very well then—not home. Try next door lower down."

THAT the journalists did so.

THAT on his arrival at the gates of Gehenna St. Nicholas the Aged recognised him and refused to admit him to Hades.

THAT his reason was—"After being a journalist in Hongkong, you would quite enjoy change of this sort; and enjoyment is again our rule."

THAT he further stated to the journalist—"You would have the place reformed soon, and where would it be?"

THAT the Old Un concluded—"We new admit journalists."

THAT the disconsolate journalist, rejected both places, had nowhere to go to, and wallowing aimlessly about in the unseen at unknown spirit land.

THAT he met "Brownie."

THAT (reporter-like) he turned to see where the other man was getting to, lest he should "making a fool of."

THAT he saw "Brownie" march gaily in the fire and brimstone health resort.

THAT he followed "Brownie," and on approaching the gates again addressed the house-keeper saying "I thought you could not admit journalists?"

THAT Satan answered and spake, saying "I more we do!"

THAT the journalist returned "But you had admitted Brownie."

THAT the Knowing One said—"Brownie" not a journalist." Amen!

YE OFFICE GOATS.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, November 18th.

A bulletin issued last night states that Prince George of Wales is progressing favourably.

The statement published yesterday by the *Standard*, that Lord Salisbury had intimated his willingness to open up negotiations with the Porte regarding Egypt, is incorrect. It stated on authority that the Premier has made no such intimation.

NEW YORK, November 18th.

In a speech at a banquet given by the New York Chamber of Commerce last evening, Mr. Foster, Secretary to the Treasury, said that the fixed policy of the United States was to maintain the parity of gold and silver. He had ceased the monthly collation of four and one-half million ounces of silver. It was impossible, he said, to maintain the parity of the two metals under free coinage, but it was easy to do so if four and a half million ounces of silver were purchased monthly at their gold value.

MADRAS, November 18th.

Another grain riot occurred at Kurnool yesterday, and was of a much more serious description than the last. The town was entirely in the hands of the rioters. Looting the shops were on for six hours, resulting in a loss to the merchants of forty thousand rupees worth of goods. The Government has telegraphed to Madras ordering a company of Sepoys to proceed to Kurnool immediately. It is believed that *budamashes* from Hyderabad are concerned in the riots.

LONDON, November 19th.

The *Times* is publishing two series of letters one under the pseudonym of "Vetus," the other under the signature of Mr. Arnold. Formerly powerfully criticising respectively the administration of the War Office and the condition of our Home Army.

PARIS, November 19th.

M. de Clermont, the Russian Minister for Foreign Affairs, arrived here to-day; there was a demonstration made. On the termination of his visit to Paris, M. de Clermont proceeds to Berlin to meet General von Caprioli, the German Chancellor. It is authoritatively declared that M. de Clermont concludes no treaty of alliance with France.

During the debate in the Chamber of Deputies this evening on the miners' strike in the north of France, the Government announced that they intended to create an Arbitration Board to settle all labour disputes.

ST. PETERSBURG, November 19th.

Work on the Siberian railway will be active prosecuted during the whole of this winter.

The order prohibiting the export of wheat from Russia has been postponed for a fortnight.

BOMBAY, November 19th.

Advices received here state that Captain Gaverneuf, of the German "Esperdion," has been killed while storming the village of Baku in the South Caucasus.

The *Oriental*, which left Bombay on November 7th, with the English mails, established record, steaming the whole distance in 25 hours, exclusive of stoppages and passage through the Canal. She ran fifteen and a half miles per hour, and arrived at Brindisi at 7 o'clock on the morning of the 19th.

RIO DE JANEIRO, November 20th.

It is stated that there are thirty thousand men in arms in the Province of the Rio Grande sul against the Dictator, Don Assis Brasil, head of the rebel junta.

The insurgents of the Province of Rio Grande demand the resignation of President Fonseca, otherwise they threaten to march on the capital, [Fonseca wisely refused—Ed.]

PARIS, November 20th.

The Naval Budget presented to the Chamber of Deputies to-day, provides for increasing the number of ships of the Mediterranean squadron from thirty to fifty, and for adding a fourth division to the Northern squadron.

M. de Clermont, the Russian Foreign Minister, was entertained at a banquet this evening at the Elysée. He will confer to-morrow with M. Ribot, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, and Freycinet, the President of the Council.

LONDON, November 21st.

of trade for East Africa; and that it was probable that Zanzibar would be declared a free port in January.

CONSTANTINOPLE, November 21st.
Prince Demostri has arrived here and has had an audience with the Sultan, who afterwards paid a visit to the Prince.

MADRID, November 21st.
The Cabinet, having failed to settle the financial complications in Spain, has resigned. Sr. Canovas, the premier, has undertaken to resign the ministry.

LONDON, November 22nd.
The condition of Prince George of Wales more favourable, although the fever continues to fluctuate.

ST. PETERSBURG, November 22nd.
A ukase has been issued forbidding the export of wheat from Russia. A journalist who was visiting the Korean district reports that the distress by the famine is incredible. Acorns are prized as food, and typhus fever is raging amongst the peasants. Nevertheless, Russia is sufficiently rich that the grain remains officially abundant to feed the whole of population.

FOOCHOW WINTER MEETING
1891.

FIRST DAY.—TUESDAY, 15TH DECEMBER.

THE STEWARDS CUP. (Presented.) value \$100 for all China ponies, weights as per scale; entrance \$5. Half a mile.

Mr. Newbury's blk. Black Leaf, 11st. 7lb.
Sir Gible's gr. Enchanter, 11st. 7lb.
Mr. Dorset's wh. Kullang, (late Consul General), 11st. 7lb.
Mr. Belmonte's gr. Witchcraft, 11st. 7lb.
Mr. Min's gr. Woodman, (late Experiment), 11st. 4lb.
Baron Bunkum's gr. Yama, (late Chief Justice), 11st. 1lb.
Captain Hope's wh. Autocrat, 11st. 4lb.
Colonel Scandal's gr. Flight, 10st. 9lb.
Colonel Scandal's d. Baccarat, 10st. 12lb.
Mr. Richam's gr. Titmouse, 10st. 6lb.
Mr. Camer's gr. Yama, 10st. 12lb.
Mr. Boco's wh. Yarrum, 10st. 12lb.

THE MAIDEN STAKES, forced entry of \$100, with \$50 added; \$150 to the first pony; \$25 to the second; for subscription griffins; weights as per scale. Three-quarters-of-a-mile.

Mr. Owl's gr. Scot Free, 11st. 4lb.
Mr. Esher's gr. Kyeakim, 11st. 2lb.
Mr. Min's gr. Shoddy, 11st. 1lb.
Mr. Min's gr. Toddy, 10st. 12lb.
Baron Bunkum's gr. Boomerang, 10st. 12lb.
Captain Hope's wh. White Pasha, 11st. 7lb.
Captain Hope's gr. Iron Duke, 10st. 12lb.
Colonel Scandal's wh. Croupier, 11st. 7lb.
Colonel Scandal's wh. Cranier, 11st. 7lb.
Colonel Scandal's wh. Tranny Croft, 11st. 7lb.
Mr. Boco's wh. Buffalo, 11st. 1lb.
Mr. Boco's gr. Reinder, 10st. 12lb.

THE CHAASZ CUP, value \$100; second pony to receive \$25; for Fooming griffins; weights as per scale; entrance \$5. One and a half.

Mr. Esher's gr. Sandown, 11st. 4lb.
Baron Bunkum's wh. Bravo, 10st. 12lb.
Captain Hope's wh. White Pasha, wh. 11st. 7lb.
Captain Hope's gr. Iron Duke, 10st. 12lb.
Colonel Scandal's wh. Croupier, 11st. 7lb.
Colonel Scandal's wh. Tranny Croft, 11st. 7lb.
Mr. Camer's gr. Bluffay, 10st. 12lb.
Mr. Boster's gr. Phlogboy, 10st. 9lb.

THE COMPROMISE CUP, value \$25; for all China ponies; weights as per scale; entrance \$5. One mile.

Mr. Newbury's blk. Black Leaf, 11st. 7lb.
Mr. Dorset's wh. Kullang, 11st. 7lb.
Mr. Belmonte's gr. Witchcraft, 11st. 7lb.
Mr. Min's gr. Woodman, 11st. 7lb.
Mr. Min's gr. Woodman, 11st. 7lb.
Baron Bunkum's gr. Yama, 11st. 1lb.
Capt. Hope's wh. Autocrat, 11st. 4lb.
Capt. Hope's gr. Flight, 10st. 9lb.
Mr. Richam's gr. Titmouse, 10st. 6lb.
Mr. Richam's wh. White Heather, 11st. 7lb.
Mr. Camer's gr. Yama, 10st. 12lb.

THE STAND STAKES; of \$5 each, with added, divided 70, 20 and 10 per cent to First, Second and Third Ponies; for Fooming and Amoy Subscription Griffins of this previous meetings; weights as per scale; winners at this or previous the clings extra. Seven furlongs.

Mr. Esher's gr. Sandown, 11st. 4lb.
Mr. Min's gr. Shoddy, 11st. 1lb.
Mr. Min's gr. Toddy, 10st. 12lb.
Baron Bunkum's gr. Boomerang, 10st. 12lb.
Capt. Hope's wh. White Pasha, 11st. 7lb.
Capt. Hope's gr. Iron Duke, 10st. 12lb.
Colonel Scandal's d. Baccarat, 10st. 12lb.
Colonel Scandal's wh. Croupier, 11st. 7lb.
Colonel Scandal's wh. Tranny Croft, 11st. 7lb.
Mr. Boster's gr. Phlogboy, 10st. 9lb.
Mr. Boco's wh. Yarrum, 10st. 12lb.

THE HONGKONG CUP. (Presented.) value \$100 for all China ponies; weights as per scale; entrance \$10. One mile and a half.

Mr. Newbury's blk. Black Leaf, 11st. 7lb.
Sir Gible's gr. Enchanter, 11st. 7lb.
Mr. Dorset's wh. Kullang, 11st. 7lb.
Mr. Min's gr. Woodman, 11st. 7lb.
Mr. Min's gr. Woodman, 11st. 7lb.
Baron Bunkum's wh. Bravo, 10st. 12lb.
Captain Hope's wh. White Pasha, 11st. 7lb.
Mr. Camer's gr. Yama, 10st. 12lb.

THE MIN STAKES, forced \$50; for all China ponies; weights as per scale; entrance \$10. One mile and a quarter.

Mr. Owl's gr. Scot Free, 11st. 4lb.
Mr. Esher's gr. Kyeakim, 11st. 2lb.
Mr. Min's gr. Shoddy, 11st. 1lb.
Mr. Min's gr. Toddy, 10st. 12lb.
Baron Bunkum's gr. Boomerang, 10st. 12lb.
Captain Hope's wh. White Pasha, 11st. 7lb.
Captain Hope's gr. Iron Duke, 10st. 12lb.
Colonel Scandal's d. Baccarat, 10st. 12lb.
Colonel Scandal's wh. Croupier, 11st. 7lb.
Colonel Scandal's wh. Tranny Croft, 11st. 7lb.
Mr. Boco's wh. Buffalo, 11st. 1lb.
Mr. Boco's gr. Reinder, 10st. 12lb.

SECOND DAY.—WEDNESDAY, 16TH DECEMBER.

THE KUSHAN CUP, value \$100; for subscription griffins; weights as per scale; winners \$5 extra for each race won; entrance forced One mile.

Mr. Owl's gr. Scot Free, 11st. 4lb.
Mr. Esher's gr. Kyeakim, 11st. 2lb.
Mr. Min's gr. Shoddy, 11st. 1lb.
Mr. Min's gr. Toddy, 10st. 12lb.
Baron Bunkum's gr. Boomerang, 10st. 12lb.
Captain Hope's wh. White Pasha, 11st. 7lb.
Captain Hope's gr. Iron Duke, 10st. 12lb.
Colonel Scandal's d. Baccarat, 10st. 12lb.
Colonel Scandal's wh. Croupier, 11st. 7lb.
Colonel Scandal's wh. Tranny Croft, 11st. 7lb.
Mr. Boco's wh. Buffalo, 11st. 1lb.
Mr. Boco's gr. Reinder, 10st. 12lb.

THE TOTALISATOR CUP, value \$150, with \$50 extra for each race won; entrance forced One mile.

Mr. Min's gr. Word, 11st. 11b.
Baron Bunkum's wh. Bravo, 11st. 12b.
Colonel Hope's wh. Autocrat, 11st. 11b.
Mr. Richard's wh. White Heather, 11st. 11b.
Mr. Cameron's gr. Yama, 11st. 12b.

THE HARKWORTH CUP, presented by Mr. Harkworth, value £100 for Footwork and Amoy Subscription Grifflins of this or previous meetings; weights as per scale; winners at this meeting 10 lbs. extra; previous Non-starters; entrance \$5. Once Round.

Mr. Esher's gr. Sandown, 11st. 11b.
Mr. Esher's gr. Kyleakin, 11st. 11b.
Mr. Min's gr. Shoddy, 11st. 11b.
Mr. Min's gr. Taddy, 11st. 12b.
Baron Bunkum's gr. Boomerang, 11st. 12b.
Captain Hope's wh. White Pasha, 11st. 12b.
Colonel Scandal's wh. Iron Duke, 11st. 12b.
Colonel Scandal's wh. Crouper, 11st. 12b.
Colonel Scandal's wh. Tranby Croft, 11st. 12b.
Mr. Cameron's gr. Blis, 11st. 12b.
Mr. Cameron's wh. Yarrum, 11st. 12b.
Mr. Boco's gr. Reindeer, 11st. 12b.

THE CHRISTMAS STAKES, of \$5 each with \$50 added; for China ponies; weights as per scale; winners 7 b. extra. Three-quarters-of-a-mile.

Mr. Newboy's bl. Black Leaf, 11st. 11b.
Mr. Dorset's wh. Kullang, 11st. 11b.
Mr. Belmore's gr. Witchcraft, 11st. 11b.
Mr. Min's wh. Resner, 11st. 11b.
Mr. Min's gr. Woodman, 11st. 11b.
Baron Bunkum's gr. Yama, 11st. 11b.
Capt. Hope's gr. Flight, 11st. 11b.
Mr. Richard's gr. White Heather, 11st. 11b.
Mr. Boco's gr. Ploughboy, 11st. 11b.

THE HACK STAKES, of \$10 each with \$50 added for each starter; for all China Ponies not otherwise entered at this meeting except for the Cosmopolitan Cup; weights as per scale; winners for inches; riders who have never won a race allowed 10 lb. Half-a-mile.

Mr. Dicky's gr. Tinter, 11st. 11b.
Mr. Gibbie's gr. Bello, 11st. 11b.
Mr. Min's gr. Haymaker, 11st. 11b.
Capt. Hope's wh. Wild Wood, 11st. 11b.

THE RACING STAKES, forced entry of \$10 each with \$50 added; for Subscription Grifflins; \$50 to the First Pony \$30 to the Second and \$20 to the Third; weights as per scale; winners of one race 7 lbs. extra, of two or more 10 lbs. extra. Twice round.

Mr. Owl's gr. Scot Free, 11st. 11b.
Mr. Esher's gr. Kyleakin, 11st. 11b.
Mr. Min's gr. Shoddy, 11st. 11b.
Mr. Min's gr. Taddy, 11st. 11b.
Baron Bunkum's gr. Boomerang, 11st. 12b.
Captain Hope's wh. White Pasha, 11st. 12b.
Colonel Scandal's wh. Iron Duke, 11st. 12b.
Colonel Scandal's wh. Crouper, 11st. 12b.
Colonel Scandal's wh. Tranby Croft, 11st. 12b.
Mr. Boco's wh. Buffalo, 11st. 12b.
Mr. Boco's gr. Reindeer, 11st. 12b.

THE FOOTWORK STAKES, of \$10 each with \$50 added. A forced entry for all China Ponies entered at this meeting except those entered only for the Hack and/or Cosmopolitan Cup, and optional for Subscription Grifflins of this meeting. Divided 7 b. 20 and 10 per cent to First, Second and Third Ponies. Weights as per scale. One mile and a quarter.

Mr. Newboy's bl. Black Leaf, 11st. 11b.
Mr. Gibbie's gr. Eucher, 11st. 11b.
Mr. Esher's gr. Sandown, 11st. 11b.
Mr. Dorset's wh. Kullang, 11st. 11b.
Mr. Belmore's gr. Witchcraft, 11st. 11b.
Mr. Min's wh. Resner, 11st. 11b.
Mr. Min's gr. Woodman, 11st. 11b.
Baron Bunkum's wh. Bravo, 11st. 12b.
Baron Bunkum's gr. Yama, 11st. 12b.
Captain Hope's wh. Autocrat, 11st. 12b.
Captain Hope's gr. Flight, 11st. 12b.
Mr. Richard's wh. White Heather, 11st. 12b.
Mr. Cameron's gr. Yama, 11st. 12b.
Mr. Cameron's gr. Blis, 11st. 12b.
Mr. Boco's gr. Ploughboy, 11st. 12b.

THE CLUB CUP, value \$100 for Footwork and Amoy Subscription Grifflins of this or previous meetings; winners of one race at this or previous meetings 7 lbs. extra, of two or more 10 lbs. extra; weights as per scale; entrance \$5. Three-quarters of a mile.

Mr. Owl's gr. Scot Free, 11st. 11b.
Mr. Esher's gr. Kyleakin, 11st. 11b.
Mr. Min's gr. Shoddy, 11st. 11b.
Mr. Min's gr. Taddy, 11st. 11b.
Baron Bunkum's gr. Boomerang, 11st. 12b.
Captain Hope's wh. White Pasha, 11st. 12b.
Colonel Scandal's wh. Iron Duke, 11st. 12b.
Colonel Scandal's wh. Crouper, 11st. 12b.
Colonel Scandal's wh. Tranby Croft, 11st. 12b.
Mr. Boco's wh. Buffalo, 11st. 12b.
Mr. Boco's gr. Reindeer, 11st. 12b.

THE LADIES PURSE, (Presented) for Footwork and Amoy Subscription Grifflins of this or previous meetings; weights as per scale; winners at this or previous meetings 7 lbs. extra; riders who have never won a race allowed 7 lbs.; entrance \$5. Once Round.

Mr. Esher's gr. Kyleakin, 11st. 11b.
Mr. Min's gr. Shoddy, 11st. 11b.
Mr. Min's gr. Taddy, 11st. 11b.
Baron Bunkum's gr. Boomerang, 11st. 12b.
Capt. Hope's wh. White Pasha, 11st. 12b.
Colonel Scandal's wh. Iron Duke, 11st. 12b.
Colonel Scandal's wh. Crouper, 11st. 12b.
Colonel Scandal's wh. Tranby Croft, 11st. 12b.
Mr. Cameron's gr. Blis, 11st. 12b.
Mr. Boco's gr. Ploughboy, 11st. 12b.
Mr. Boco's wh. Yarrum, 11st. 12b.

THE SILVER CHALLENGER CUP for Footwork and Amoy Subscription Grifflins of this or previous meetings; To be won twice by a pony, the best of property of same owner at two events. The Entrance fee is 50 to the

Club, and \$100 to be paid to winner, except in the case of the cup being finally won; and \$20 to the Second pony; weight as per scale; entrance \$10. One mile and a quarter.

Mr. Esher's gr. Kyleakin, 11st. 11b.
Mr. Esher's gr. Sandown, 11st. 11b.
Mr. Min's gr. Shoddy, 11st. 11b.
Mr. Min's gr. Taddy, 11st. 11b.
Baron Bunkum's wh. Bravo, 11st. 12b.
Captain Hope's wh. White Pasha, 11st. 12b.
Colonel Scandal's wh. Crouper, 11st. 12b.
Colonel Scandal's wh. Tranby Croft, 11st. 12b.
Mr. Boco's gr. Ploughboy, 11st. 12b.
Mr. Boco's wh. Yarrum, 11st. 12b.

THE CONSOLATION CUP, value \$100; second pony to receive \$25. For all *bona fide* beaten Ponies that have not won a race at this meeting; weights as per scale; entrance \$5. One mile.

Mr. Newboy's bl. Black Leaf, 11st. 11b.
Mr. Gibbie's gr. Eucher, 11st. 11b.
Mr. Esher's gr. Sandown, 11st. 11b.
Mr. Dorset's wh. Kullang, 11st. 11b.
Mr. Min's wh. Resner, 11st. 11b.
Mr. Min's gr. Woodman, 11st. 11b.
Baron Bunkum's gr. Yama, 11st. 11b.
Capt. Hope's wh. Autocrat, 11st. 11b.
Colonel Scandal's wh. Tranby Croft, 11st. 11b.
Mr. Richard's wh. White Heather, 11st. 11b.
Mr. Cameron's gr. Yama, 11st. 11b.
Mr. Cameron's gr. Blis, 11st. 11b.
Mr. Boco's gr. Ploughboy, 11st. 11b.

THE NIT DESPERANDUM STAKES, of \$10 each with \$50 added; divided 6 b. 25 and 10 per cent to First, Second and Third Ponies; for *bona fide* beaten Subscription Grifflins that have not won a race; weights as per scale. Half a mile.

Mr. Owl's gr. Scot Free, 11st. 11b.
Mr. Esher's gr. Kyleakin, 11st. 11b.
Mr. Min's gr. Shoddy, 11st. 11b.
Mr. Min's gr. Taddy, 11st. 11b.
Baron Bunkum's gr. Boomerang, 11st. 12b.
Captain Hope's wh. White Pasha, 11st. 12b.
Colonel Scandal's wh. Iron Duke, 11st. 12b.
Colonel Scandal's wh. Crouper, 11st. 12b.
Colonel Scandal's wh. Tranby Croft, 11st. 12b.
Mr. Boco's gr. Reindeer, 11st. 12b.

THE CHAMPION STAKES, of \$10 each with \$50 added; optional entry for the winners of the Hack, Consolation and Nit Desperandum Races, a forced entry for all other winners at this meeting; non-starters excluded; winners of a race at this meeting \$15 extra, of more than a race \$40 extra; weights as per scale. One mile and a quarter.

THE COSMOPOLITAN CUP, (Presented) value \$100; for all China ponies; catch weights over 11st. 7lb. Hacks allowed 7lb. to be ridden by Residents of this province and officers of the Army and Navy; entrance \$5. Three quarters of a mile.

Mr. Newboy's bl. Black Leaf, 11st. 11b.
Mr. Owl's gr. Scot Free, 11st. 11b.
Mr. Gibbie's gr. Begonia, 11st. 11b.
Mr. Dorset's wh. Kullang, 11st. 11b.
Mr. Belmore's gr. Witchcraft, 11st. 11b.
Mr. Min's gr. Woodman, 11st. 11b.
Mr. Min's gr. Haymaker, 11st. 11b.
Baron Bunkum's wh. Bravo, 11st. 12b.
Baron Bunkum's gr. Yama, 11st. 12b.
Captain Hope's wh. Wild Wood, 11st. 12b.
Colonel Scandal's wh. Crouper, 11st. 12b.
Mr. Boco's wh. Yarrum, 11st. 12b.

THE PONTIFEX LIBEL CASE.

In the Queen's Bench Division the other week, the case of *Stark v. Pontifex* came before Mr. Baron Pollock and a special jury. It was an action by Thomas Neville Stark, editor and proprietor of the *Elegantist* Union newspaper, published in Dublin, to recover damages for slander and libel from Mr. E. A. Pontifex, chairman of the board of directors of the P. & H. Corporation, a company formed for the purpose of developing the mining industry of the Malay Peninsula. The Plaintiff's case was that he was a shareholder in the company, and recommended it to his friends to Ireland; but owing to the alleged mismanagement of the directors, who had large interests in other companies, the defendant especially being connected with fourteen other companies, the Corporation did not progress satisfactorily. The Plaintiff attended a meeting in London in October, 1890, at which he attacked the conduct of the directors. The defendant replied, and stated that the plaintiff was a "mere adventurer." This was published in *The Times* and other newspapers, and the plaintiff alleged that he was considerably injured in his position as a financial journalist. The defence was that the words complained of were read from a letter which the Chairman had received from a shareholder, and that the occasion was privileged. Mr. Baron Pollock, in summing up, pointed out the difference recognized by the law between written and spoken defamation, within which latter class the present case came, and which raised questions properly and eminently for them. Written defamation matter was much more serious, widespread and permanent in its character than words, for many and indeterminate language would probably produce very little effect on the hearers and bystanders. 1. Were the alleged slanders uttered as an imputation on the plaintiff's business and profession? 2. Did they produce actual damage to him? The plaintiff only proved that one man had ceased to deal with him on the former advantageous terms. Were the words of the defendant a slander at all? That was a question, entirely for them. There were many doubtful expressions in the great modern literary and social world which might be applied to some people without offence, might cause great irritation if used with regard to others. What was the meaning of the words "a mere adventurer" as applied to an editor and owner of the newspaper in question? If the plaintiff had proved any special damage incurred, he was entitled to recover; if not, what damages would they award? The plaintiff had doubtless made an attack on the policy of the board of directors of this Corporation, and had made a strong charge that they were meddling out not miners to manage the affairs of the company but "pats" of the Chairman. The defendant, however, had no right to shelter himself behind the letter of another man. The questions would be:—1. Do you find that the words uttered were a slander? 2. Do you find the words were a slander on the character of the plaintiff as an owner and editor of the paper? 3. If you find either or both; did they produce special damage to the plaintiff? 4. If so, what damages do you award him? The jury found a verdict for the plaintiff, damages, £1000. Mr. T. Paine then applied to his lordship to deprive the plaintiff of his costs, as these damages were clearly "contemptuous," and showed that the jury thought of the plaintiff's case. Mr. Archibald opposed the application, but his lordship thought that he should follow the course which he would have adopted before the Judicature Act was passed, where the plaintiff could recover no more than his damages, and give no certificate for costs; the defendant would have to pay his own costs. The learned Baron then entered a verdict and judgment for the plaintiff for one farthing, but with costs, and the case was closed.

DELI COMPANY SHARES.

A financial review by Mr. J. Bolsgevin states that much speculation is going on in tobacco shares and no Company is safe. In consequence, the market is depreciated and shareholders are frightened. Opinions are expressed that Deli Maatschappij shares will fall 300 per cent., the Deli Batavia 150 per cent., and the Deli Sumatra 100 per cent. It is, therefore, as well to sketch shortly the position of the various Companies. Of the 1500 crop, the Deli Maatschappij will place 40000 bales on the market, of which 38,000 have already been realized at 95 cents per Amsterdam pound; the Deli Batavia will place about 12,500 bales, of which 9,000 have already been sold at 90 cents; and the Deli Sumatra will place 14,000 bales, of which 10,000 have been sold at 85 cents. The crop per field was very large, and, in consequence, the price fell. In former years the cost price came to 95 or 100 cents per bale, so that, considering the large output this year, there can be no question of loss. The Deli Maatschappij, especially, has always worked cheaply. From its prospectus we learn that the 1888 crop sold at 105 cents and left a profit of 25 per cent. on a capital of 1,500,000 f., the number of bales being 12,000 and the profit 330,000 f. From the above, it follows that if the three big Companies have sustained loss, it will be trifling. It is to be remembered, too, that the Deli Maatschappij has a capital of 4,000,000 f.; and a reserve of 2,000,000 f.; that Deli Batavia has a similar 1,000,000 f. and 422,000 f.; and the Deli Sumatra 1,500,000 f. and 77,000 f., and consequently there is no adequate reason for the depreciation in the shares. If the present low price were due to tobacco from other countries being put on the market with success, then that would be something to trouble about. The planters who are able to tide over the present prices will reap heavy profits in the future. Many estates have closed and many others will follow, but this can only do good to those that remain. The expenses, labour, and competition will all become less, and so better results will be achieved.

A fall which draws much attention on the Stock Exchange is that of the Netherlands Trading Society's shares. They have gone down really only 10 per cent. and no satisfactory reason can be given for the fall. It is a case of speculators taking advantage of the circumstances and bringing about a fall. For the business of the Society has increased very much during the past year, and the directors are proper to be so cautious in building up a reserve than too little. — *Pinnang Gazette*.

FOOTWORK NOTES.

5th December, 1891.
The tea growers are, we understand, planting poppies in the place of tea, in the lower ranges of their tea plantations. If they meet with success, others will follow their example, and give up tea altogether. The Imperial Government with its heavy export duty and the local Government with its high and other taxes, have, between them, effectively killed the once flourishing tea trade of this province.

We hear that all farmers farming their own paddy fields will leave the ground fallow until the Spring, rest being considered necessary after the heavy second crop of rice, which has lately been gathered in. But it is not so with those who are working or who have leased farms, considerations of impoverished soil never entering into their economic calculations; for, by a curious agreement existing between landlord and tenant, although half of the rice crop goes to the former as rent, the latter reaps the full advantage of any interim crops that can be grown. So it is that we already see so many of the paddy fields in this neighbourhood already planted with wheat, cabbages, etc.

The following is the tea export as per consignees' returns, since our issue of the 12th ultimo:—
For London:—
Per steamer *Myrmidon* 189,998 lbs.
" *Glenshiel* 11,147
" *Onia* 102,682
" *Palmira* 57,420
" *Polyphemus* 282,732
For South Africa:—
Per steamer *Glenshiel* 20,000
For Sydney:—
Per steamer *Chingtu* 219,731
For Melbourne:—
Per steamer *Chingtu* 848,159
For Adelaide:—
Per steamer *Chingtu* 27,029
For Queensland Ports:—
Per steamer *Chingtu* 24,015
For New Zealand:—
Per steamer *Chingtu* 1,868
For United States:—
Per steamer *Strathleven* 191,832
—ECHO.

"ONE MIGHTY NATION"

Great was Diana of the Ephesians! Greater is the Allah of Anglo-Saxondom, and the *Times* is his prophet! Listen, ye nations, for one speaks as having authority, and not as the Jew! "Is the voice of the Cable that is heard in the land, and he murmurs dutifully in this wise, and the hearts of the Jingo are glad, and the Anglo-Australians gather together at the street corners of Australian cities and look exceeding wise and are comforted."—*The Times*, in a leading article this morning, says that England and Australia, no matter what reforms may result from the present labour or other movements, will always be part of the same mighty nation. Heigho! and Alas! but here the wish is father to the thought, and there is no truth in either, but much bunkum.

The mighty wheel of Time goes whirling through history in altogether different fashion than that affording prospect of "everlastingness" to any nation or congeries of nations; and every day, and every worm, and every microbe, and every vampire has its day and its end. The great ocean of nothingness is for ever dotted with transient islands of apparent permanence for a brief season, but the dissolving views of change preserve not even a remembrance of their shades. Nothing can die, says Lord Almightiness, but he answers his own assertion in another poem, in which he declares that nothing can live; and the murky annals of history record only the mutations of empires, and indicate but the possibility of remembrances of kingdoms' age-long forgotten. The tramp of the armies of Cyrus and Alexander are mingled with those of Genghis Khan and Hannibal and Caesar and Buonaparte, and the last war between Turkey and Russia echoes only the distant roar of eternal strife, and the thunder of Plevna is only a little foam on the crest of a time wave in a mighty ocean which stretches abroad into the farness of the unknown. This Empire of England—What is it but a bubble, grown in a forest of mighty trees whose leaves are now historical carbon furnishing a little gas for present consumption? Till the stars grow old, and the sun grows cold, and the leaves of the Judgment-book unfold, is a point of time prophetic of the continuance of only one empire—the empire of constant mutation and unchangeable change.

That which is born shall surely die; and the world holds good both of empires and babies, and ephemera, and apple-trees. In the great vastness of eternity there is nothing good and nothing evil; for all good and all evil are merely

relative, and Nature only *is*. This little England which so boastfully claims the God-given dominion of the earth is herself but a severed bit of Europe. The Goodwin Sands mark a sunken earth. The walls of the Revenuers are eaten away, even within the memory of man, by this salt water of ocean, and the fact that graves are furnished food of the fishes to the cysters that batten on the debris of the recent severe gales the sea ran high along the coast, and Sandgate, a maritime town in Kent, was well nigh undated, the waves encroaching upon the mainland, destroying the alignment of streets and submerging the dwellings. Canute's empire was threatened in the almost mythic days by this other conqueror—smaller Cal Neptune, and Victor's petty island is a smaller realm by many a noble league. But to the English mind, the infidelism fraction of a minute fraction of an inch of soil is vast, altogether than God's great universe, and the British half million times greater than the outlying eternal whole.

Men and nations endure just for so long as they can endure; just for so long as there is a vital spark of endurance within them, and no longer. All this hugger-mugger grandeur and greatness and "everlasting" empire symbolises a mighty fear, and heralds to men the fact that the courage which is silent because it is self-reliant has long fled, and a bare term has taken its place in the nearest heart. Editors of a widely scattered of English newspapers of Parkes, Rhodes, and Macdonald (entitled, "Three Empire Builders")—that if Canada, Australia, and Africa set up national hour-keeping for themselves, there was then an end for ever to the British Empire; and we answer yes, it is so. But, says Stead, and the other fearless Jingos, this cannot be: One speech; one nation; one destiny! They try to cheer themselves with the revelation of a possibility that looks not too probable? The boy whistles with apparent bravery in the dark, but it is only because he is shaking in his shoes. Take up any recent English book of biography, of fiction, or poetry—always the same dreary, wearying fitch—Nelson, the God-given hero of England; Wellington, a modern Alexander, and what-not, and what-not, and what-not. The challenge has become a scream, and the courage of the true man is lost in the bragging claims to courage of the shivering poltroon. Not thus Germany, not thus France, not thus Russia—for their day is not yet come, nor the fruit ripe for plucking. But England—?

It is a huge order, this "eternal" demand of the *Times* for allegiance on our part. And what good will we do England either, save to serve as a counter for her efforts when her final hour has struck? We are not, and cannot be, England. As America is America, so are we Australia, despite apparent similarity in a few directions. There is no real identity between us. We are rude, ignorant, barbarous, uncultured, unrefined, strong, self-reliant, standing erect in our own shoes. We know nothing, and brutally desire to know less. We have no art, no literature, no architecture, no tradition, no history, no social beauties or amenities, no culture. England, on the contrary, is polished, polite, learned, cultured, refined, wealthy, with a dubious splendour and elegant dexterity. The English are versed in all knowledge—and all knowers. They know everything, both of good and of evil, and life to them embraces every experience from organised philanthropy to the nameless abominations of Cleveland-street and Dublin castle, including the charming peccadilloes of Tranby Croft. England is the home of art and literature; her glorious land is filled with the achievements of Gothic architecture and the splendours of her noble history is marked with high-born courage and nobly defended bravely by her traditions, glittering with the sheen of swords in battle play, and are sonorous with the clash of arms; her social manners and her social culture are of so high a standard that men, when they consecrate their lives to these elegant pursuits, have no time left to be either human or honest; her women are so beautiful and so delicately nurtured that only American millionaires can afford to buy them; and she is, moreover, ruled by an aged lady pre-eminent in grief, who has upwards of eleven millions of money and whose offspring are so numerous that hardly any high walk of life is destitute of a right royal ornament and exemplar for the encouragement and edification of a devoted following. Australia is so cursed and England is so blessed, that any lasting, (let alone "everlasting") union is impossible between them. Can you conceive Paradise changing locations with the Hall of Eblis?

No! It cannot be—this eternal union between England and Australia! The former country may be washed away by the sea, or eaten piecemeal by Polish Jews and German sweaters; it will disappear doubtless in a blaze of many-talied glory, consumed with her high traditions and her name of Alfred the Great, and Nelson, and other heroes, from Henry V. to Albert Wettin; but let her not attempt to link her fate with that of a convict colony whose grandeur there were a leg-chain and whose highest intellectual effort today is represented by the daily and weekly journals, of whom an English writer justly states his nation's opinion in these words: "The pseudo-intellectualism of the journalists (Australians) with its barren ignorance, or even more harmful superficiality, is the will-o'-the-wisp of the shallow Australian intelligence as spiritual compass and guide to the future. And further, the same writer remarks that "culture" at the Antipodes is in as bad a way as "society" and no good could possibly come out of this Southern Nazareth. To all of which we mockly bow our heads. We are callow, and ignorant, and uncultured, very aggressive and abominably arrogant, with strength in our limbs and sap in our bodies, and we yearn for neither part nor lot with the superior person over the ocean, who has grown so old and so weak-minded that she begins to think that the immortal Youth and Age are one and the same. We are too much for her. We do not believe in the eternity of anything, least of all in the permanence of the doddering grand-motherly Empire upon which the sun is too tired to set, and upon which he consequently never rises. Until the stars grow old, and the sun grows cold, and the leaves of the Judgment book unfold, and the fish of the ocean wax fat on the culture of the United Kingdom, and the gentle virtuous means about the traditions of England's mighty past, and that and that and that in the streets of Sydney, then we will not fill them; if we live so long a national life—will Australia worry about being a part of the same "mighty nation" as the little bit of land separated from Europe by the "encroaching sea," and coloured red on maps of English manufacture. — *Sydney Bulletin*.

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